PTO/SB/08a (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

OLE SAID

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2

Complete if Known				
Application Number	10/729,273			
Filing Date	December 5, 2003			
First Named Inventor	Ramon Kuczera, et al.			
Art Unit	3679			
Examiner Name	Gregory John Binda			
Attorney Docket Number	G00366/US			

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No.1	Document Number  Pumber Kind Code  (If known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
_		US- 6,171,196 B1	01-09-2001	Hans Heinrich Welschof		
		US- 2003/008716 A1	01-09-2001	Robert Anthony Boutin		
		US- 2003/045365 A1	03-06-2003	Daniel Booker, et al.		
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials	Cite No.1	Office <sup>3</sup>	Foreign Patent Do Number4	Kind <sup>5</sup>	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Тe
			JP 05180237 A		07-20-1993	Suzuki Motor Corp.		
								$\vdash$
					<u> </u>			$\vdash$
								┼┤

Examiner	<del></del>	Date	
Signature		Considered	_

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. See Finds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. See Finds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Skind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449B/PTO				Complete if Known			
				Application Number	10/729,273		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE				Filing Date	December 5, 2003		
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT			APPLICANT	First Named Inventor	Ramon Kuczera, et al.		
OTATEMENT DI ALL EIGANT				Art Unit	3679		
(use as many sheets as necessary)			as necessary)	Examiner Name	Gregory John Binda		
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	G00366/US		

		OTHER PRIOR ART NON PATENT LITERAT	URE DOCU	MENTS	
Examiner Initials	Cite No.1	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, p publisher, city and/or country where publist	age(s), volume-i	ate), title of the ssue number(s),	T²
		PCT Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report a International Searching Authority, 10/03/2005, 3 pages	nd the Writter	Opinion of the	
		PCT International Search Report by the International Searching Auth 10/03/2005, 4 pages	nority of the E	uropean Patent Office,	
		PCT Written Opinion of the International Sarching Authority of the pages	European Pate	ent Office, 10/03/2005, 5	
					<del>                                     </del>
		•			
Examiner Signature			Date Considered	<del>, -</del> ·	

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 120 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.